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COAL SUPPLY TO SOFIA INCREASED

SOFIA WELL-SUPPLIED WITH COAL -- Otechestven Front, No 1384, 2 Mar 49

The special commission created to assure the prompt and proper supply of coal for Sofia reports a definite increase in the coal supply.

Whereas coal production in the Pernik mine normally declines in January, this year it was above average. Transport has been reorganized. At the beginning of January, while traffic was clogged on the railroad line at Pernik, coal was moved out by trucks. Despite transport difficulties, 1,000 to 1,200 tons of coal for Sofia were moved out daily by truck and 1,000 tons by rail. The 1 February survey established that only 10,000 of the 150,000 inhabitants of the capital had less than 100 kilograms of coal.

Under the new system of supply, between 2 January and the end of February, 65,000 inhabitants of Sofia were supplied with quality coal. Coal for 1,000 consumers was produced daily. The plan for the Sofia coal supply for January and February was fulfilled 136 percent.

The program for the coal supply for the winter of 1949-1950 will begin on 1 April.

POWER PLANT AT VARNO, BULGARIA -- Trybuna Ludu, No 37, 7 Feb 49

An exhibition was held of machinery received from Czechoslovakia for use in the construction of a power plant at Varna, Bulgaria. All installation and testing of machinery at this plant will be done by Czech mechanics and engineers.

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